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SUBJECT: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DJURDJA ADLESIC COMMENTS ON
CROATIAN ENGAGEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

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(SBU) Ambassador Bradtke personally delivered reftel letter from the Secretary to Deputy PM Adlesic on April 30. Adlesic re-iterated how impressed she had been by her 2008 trip to Afghanistan, particularly the challenges facing women and children there. She commented that any withdrawal of the international community from Afghanistan would be a catastrophe. She added that the GoC had established a working group, which she would chair, to consider additional ways in which Croatia can contribute to meeting the needs in Afghanistan. The GoC also has plans to amend and lighten the constitutional requirement for parliamentary approval of any troop deployments in the future.
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